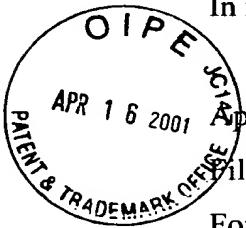


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In re application of:
Drewe *et al.*
Appl. No. 09/705,840
Filed: November 6, 2000
For: **Substituted 4H-Chromene and
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and Inducers of Apoptosis and the
Use Thereof**

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Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows. This
Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along
with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments.

37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version
with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are
required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying
this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent
abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned